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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 25, 2004, Applicant elects for prosecution in the present application Group I, corresponding to claim 12, drawn to a deformation element, classified in class 293, subclass 122.

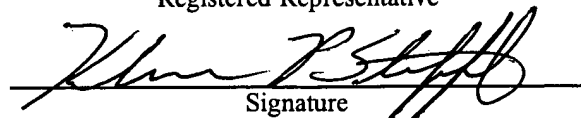
Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claim in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the present application.

Early and favorable prosecution of the application is earnestly solicited.

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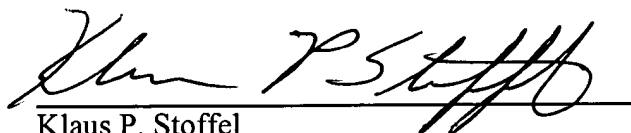
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